

CONFIDENTIALTURKISH NAVY -- STATUS

1. The Turkish Navy continues to undergo change due to the ship acquisitions from the United States under the Aid to Turkey program. Personnel are being allocated to man these ships and submarines, and due to the necessity of establishing training programs, it is difficult to assess present effectiveness from the fleet standpoint. Due to the above factors, it is not possible to accurately assess the Turkish Navy at this particular time, in the manner that is followed in the case of Western European Navies.
2. The material condition and status of ships in the Turkish Navy as of September 1948 is as follows:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
OBB	1	Of limited usefulness due to age and obsolescence.
OCL	2	Obsolete and worn out. Used as School ships. Listed for statistical purposes only.
DD	4	British built: 1941-42
ODD	4	Italian built - 1932 Poor material condition
SS	9	4 recently transferred U.S. units. 5 German design built pre-World War II on pre-war design.
OSS	4	Of limited use - laid up.
AM	13	Does not include three worn out units.
YMS	13	Shortage of spare parts.

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